

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Advisory Panel (AP) and Herring Committee met on November 6 and 7, 2012 to continue the development of alternatives for consideration in the 2013-2015 Atlantic herring fishery specifications. At this meeting, the Committee recommended that the Council initiate Framework 2 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to authorize seasonal splits and sub-ACL carryovers as part of the specifications process.
- The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on September 12 and November 19, 2012 to address herring acceptable biological catch (ABC) for 2013-2015 and to review ABC control rule alternatives for forage species.
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met on December 13, 2012 to continue development of the 2013-2015 Atlantic herring fishery specifications and Framework Adjustment 2. The Herring PDT also continued development of alternatives for accountability measures (AMs) and analysis of sub-ACL options.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Selection of final measures for Framework Adjustment 2 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP)
- B. Selection of final measures for 2013-2015 Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Document: 2013-2015 Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications
2. January 16, 2013 Draft Advisory Panel Report
3. September 2012 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report (Herring)
4. November 2012 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report (Herring)
5. December 13, 2012 Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) Report
6. January 2013 Correspondence from Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MA DMF) re. 2013-2015 Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications
7. Presentation Slides: 2013-2015 Herring Fishery Specifications (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)